

Ralph E. Roessler collection

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Summary Information

Repository	Rare Books and Manuscripts
Creator	Roessler, Ralph E., 1887-1974
Title	Ralph E. Roessler collection
Date	1913-1968
Extent	0.02 Cubic feet 1 folder
Language	English
Mixed materials [Folder]	S3241

Preferred Citation

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Biographical Note

Ralph Roessler was born May 23, 1887 in Canton, Ohio to Henry and Caroline Roessler. He married Zenna Abbott on September 10, 1913 and they had two sons, Ralph Jr. and William. Roessler was past owner of the Roessler-Kirk Jewelry Store in Marion, Indiana and a charter member of the Marion Kiwanis Club. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Indiana Flood Control and Water Resources Commission in 1945 and is credited with being the "father of the Mississinewa Reservoir." Roessler was 86 years old when he died on February 2, 1974.

Source:

"Business, Civic Leader Roessler Dies." *The Marion Chronicle*, February 3, 1974, 1.

Ancestry.com. "Ralph E. Roessler" *1900 United States Federal Census*. Accessed June 1, 2016. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Ancestry.com. "Ralph E. Roessler" *Washington, Marriage Records, 1865-2004*. Accessed June 1, 2016. <http://search.ancestrylibrary.com>.

Scope and Contents

This collection contains a portfolio created by Ralph Roessler entitled, "A Documentary and Autobiographic Record of a Kiwanis Dream and a Seventy Million Dollar Reality, 1939-1968." The portfolio was created in recognition of the 50th anniversary of the Marion, Indiana Kiwanis Club and includes Roessler's written account describing the events that helped establish the Indiana Flood Control & Water Resources Commission and the eventual construction of the Mississinewa Reservoir. Also included are pictures regarding the Huntington, Mississinewa, and Salamonie Reservoirs; pictures of politicians, Army Corps of Engineer officers, and commission members involved in the construction projects; and photos of the Marion floods of 1913 & 1958.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged by subject.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Conditions Governing Access

This collection is open for research.

Conditions Governing Use

Legal title, copyright, and literary rights reside with Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN. All requests to publish or quote from manuscripts must be submitted to Rare Books and Manuscripts.

Custodial History

This collection was received by Rare Books and Manuscripts as a donation.

Accruals

No further additions are expected.

Processing Information

Collection processing completed in 2001 by Jeffrey J. Dickens. EAD finding aid created 2016/06/01 by Laura Eliason.

Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

L493: Ralph Roessler papers

Controlled Access Headings

Corporate Name(s)

- Indiana Flood Control and Water Resources Commission.
- Kiwanis International. Indiana District.
- United States. Army. Corps of Engineers.

Genre(s)

- Photographs
- Scrapbooks

Geographic Name(s)

- Huntington Lake (Ind.)
- Marion (Ind.)
- Mississinewa Lake (Ind.)
- Salamonie Lake (Ind.)

Subject(s)

- Flood control--Indiana
- Floods--Indiana
- Indiana--History--Floods